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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Scott A. Chalmers, et al.

Application No.: 09/899,383

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
HIGH-SPEED THICKNESS MAPPING
OF PATTERNED THIN FILMS**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action dated September 23, 2004, be extended three months from December 23, 2004 to March 23, 2005 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

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